

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

09/964,293

Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to (Amendment) February 22, 2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-10.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-10 are allowed.
2. The prior art of record fails to disclose or suggest features recited in the amended claims.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The application has recited in independent claims 1, 5, 9 & 10 describe the use of icons associating the character classes. This feature is not described in Microsoft Word reference because the character classes represent a unique feature that allows the spacing to be set for all of the characters of one type. Instead Microsoft word describes spacing for words not the actual individual characters, doing so manually would be laborious. In addition the dialog box presented to the user describes the character classes by using Icons that are representative of the character. The Word reference does not explicitly teach the spacing of characters that include an icon with a character representing all characters of that class. In addition the claims of the following application differs from the claims of the double patenting reference US 6,928,611 filed Sep 25, 2001, published Aug 9, 2005 by McCully same assignee. The current application describes the **Icon indicators** that associate character classes has described in the independent claims "icons representing the character class for the previous character and an icon representing the character class for the next character". McCully uses a table but does not display the characters in a dialog box that includes icons showing the character class for the previous and next character. The advantage to having icons is during text

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composition letting the user immediately know what item is being set to avoid setting spacing for incorrect characters by using icons to display these characters.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Manglesh M. Patel whose telephone number is (571) 272-5937. The examiner can normally be reached on M, W 6 am-3 pm T, TH 6 am-2pm, Fr 9am-6pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Stephen S. Hong can be reached on (571) 272-4124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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